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SUBJECT: MIXED AND JOINT COMMISSIONS OF PRC AND WESTERN COUNTRIES

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1. AUSTRO-SINO TRADE IS GOVERNED BY A TRADE AND PAYMENTS AGREEMENT CONCLUDED NOVEMBER 2, 1972. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT BOTH COUNTRIES (A) EXTEND MFN TREATMENT TO THE OTHER (EXCEPT CONCESSIONS UNDER SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH CUSTOMS UNIONS AND FREE TRADE AREAS, AND THOSE UNDER MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS OF WHICH ONE COUNTRY IS NOT A MEMBER, (B) AGREE TO FACILITATE TRADE, AND (C) PROVIDE FOR PAYMENTS IN AUSTRIAN SCHILLINGS REN-MIN-BIS, OR FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES. THE AGREEMENT ALSO ESTABLISHES A MIXED COMMISSION.

2. TO DATE, THIS COMMISSION HAS MET ONLY ONCE--AT A TIME WHEN A CHINESE DELEGATION WAS IN EUROPE ON OTHER BUSINESS.

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THE MEETING DID NOT PRODUCE ANY RESULTS. UNDER AGREEMENT TERMS, THE NEXT MEETING SHOULD BE IN PEKING BUT THE GOA HAS NOT YET ASKED THAT A DATE BE SET. EFFORTS TO INCREASE AUSTRIAN SHIPMENTS TO THE PRC ALSO ARE SUPPORTED BY THE FEDERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WHICH HAS ORGANIZED SEVERAL TRADE MISSIONS TO THE PRC INCLUDING ONE IN 1976. IN 1977, THE CHAMBER PLANS TO ARRANGE

SEVERAL TECHNICAL SALES SEMINARS IN THE PRC AS A
FOLLOW-UP.

3. AUSTRO-SINO TRADE HAS DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS: AUSTRIAN
EXPORTS (IN MILLION SCHILLINGS) 1972, 194.3; 1973, 239.5;
1974, 311.9; 1975, 231.6. AUSTRIAN IMPORTS: 1972, 322.1;
1973, 339.5; 1974, 126.5; 1975, 514.0. DURING THE FIRST
SIX MONTHS OF 1976 AUSTRIAN EXPORTS TO THE PRC WERE
A.S. 298 MILLION, AND IMPORTS FROM THE PRC A.S. 261
MILLION. MAJOR AUSTRIAN EXPORTS INCLUDE MAN-MADE FIBERS,
FERTILIZER, IRON AND STEEL AND MACHINERY. MAJOR IMPORTS
ARE EGGS, ON-FERROUS ORES, ANIMAL RAW MATERIALS, COTTON
FABRICS AND TIN.

4. THE PRC PARTICIPATED IN AN AUSTRIAN TRADE FAIR FOR
THE FIRST TIME IN SEPTEMBER 1976. MEEHAN

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